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1. OPENING OF ENMOD CONVENTION --

IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) WILL BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE DURING THE SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY. ONCE THE PROCESS OF AUTHENTICATION AND CONCORDANCE OF THE CONVENTION'S SIX OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IS COMPLETED AND THE "EQUALLY AUTHENTIC" TEXTS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARIAT'S LEGAL OFFICE (AND KEY COUNTRIES CONCERNED), OFFICIAL COPIES WILL BE PRINTED AND CIRCULATED TO UN MEMBERS, TOGETHER WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE FOR OPENING, GIVING TWO TO THREE WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE. (USUN 130)

2. SYG'S MIDDLE EAST VISIT --

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AT JAN. 17 PRESS CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST, SYG WALDHEIM SAID THE REASONS HE WAS "CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA TALKS WERE THAT THE FIGHTING HAD STOPPED IN LEBANON, ARAB DIVISIONS WERE DISAPPEARING PROGRESSIVELY AND LEADERS WERE GETTING TOGETHER TRYING TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES, AND IN ISRAEL ITSELF THERE IS A STRONG TENDENCY IN FAVOR OF RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. QUESTIONS NOW CONCERN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CONFERENCE CAN BE RECONVENED AND WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND HE WAS GOING TO THE AREA TO CLARIFY THOSE POINTS. WALDHEIM WAS AWARE THAT THERE WILL BE A CONGRESS OF THE LABOR PARTY IN ISRAEL AND A MEETING OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL IN CAIRO TOWARD THE END OF FEBRUARY. HOWEVER, HE WAS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 1, AND HE FELT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO GO AHEAD WITH THE VISIT IN EARLY FEBRUARY. HE SAID HE WILL BE MEETING WITH PLO LEADER ARAFAT BUT THE SITE AND DATE OF THE MEETING HAVE NOT YET BEEN ARRANGED. HE HAD HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH THE OUTGOING AND INCOMING US ADMINISTRATIONS. ALTHOUGH HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INFLUX OF ARMS INTO THE AREA AND HOPED GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, RAISING THE QUESTION WAS NOT THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT. (USUN 129)

3. PROPOSED PRIVATE COMMISSION ON NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS --

A UN PRESS RELEASE REPORTED THAT WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA INFORMED SYG WALDHEIM OF HIS PROPOSAL FOR A PRIVATE COMMISSION ON NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS. THE RELEASE NOTED THAT LATER THE SYG,

IN AN ADDRESS TO ECOSOC, EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PROPOSED COMMISSION COULD "MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO UN ENDEAVORS TO RESTRUCTURE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS." (USUN 134)

4. CANDIDATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION --

AT MEETING OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP, FRANCE, FRG, PORTUGAL, ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR THE THREE WEOG VACANCIES ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. USUN ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO PUT FORTH A CANDIDATE, AND AUSTRALIA INDICATED "INTEREST" IN DOING SO. IN EARLY FEBRUARY WEOG WILL ATTEMPT TO SETTLE ITS ENDORSEMENTS. (USUN 135)

5. DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION --

WHEN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR THE DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND UNCLASSIFIED

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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WAS INCREASED FROM 16 TO 23 MEMBERS, THE WEO GROUP WAS GIVEN FIVE SEATS. BESIDES FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND THE UK, WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED, AUSTRIA AND THE FRG, AT THE WEOG MEETING, "RESERVED INTEREST" IN FILLING THE ADDITIONAL WEO SLOTS. (USUN 133)
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